

NAVY PERSONNEL ALMOST DOUBLED

But House Turns Down
Higher Rank for Com-
mander of Marines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—Permanent increase of the navy personnel from 87,000 to 131,485 men was voted yesterday by the House during consideration of Senate amendments to the \$1,600,000,000 appropriation bill, but the proposal to create the rank of lieutenant general for the marine corps commandant and of major general for the corps staff officers was disapproved, 73 to 44.

Spirited debate preceded the rejection of the Senate's marine corps amendment. Representative Butler, of Pennsylvania, Republican, whose son is a colonel in the corps, said propaganda had been conducted to cause the promotions, while Representative Keating, of Colorado, Democrat, charged that Major General Barnett, the corps commandant, started a campaign for the new law as soon as the naval bill was sent to the Senate, in spite of Secretary Daniels' known opposition to the amendment.

"The amendment, in effect, is to give the rank of lieutenant general to a man who never was under fire, so far as the record shows," declared Mr. Keating. "There has been a lobby of men directly concerned in this amendment strong enough to warrant the President to order a court martial."

"It is not the men who are going 'over the top' in France who are asking for this amendment. I am in favor of giving the men who are doing the fighting recognition before giving it to these rocking chair soldiers."

General Barnett, who was a spectator in the House gallery during most of the debate, was defended by Representatives Flood, of Virginia, Democrat, and Britten, of Illinois, and Meeker, of Missouri, Republican.

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These beautiful rains will not do the gardens any harm.

The fruit has been more or less of a failure; strawberries were only about a fourth of crop; blackberries and raspberries will be a very light crop and orchard fruits amount to little. Peaches are a total failure and the trees are many of them dead. Pears, plums and cherries are extremely light crop. It was believed there would be a big crop of apples but they have fallen off until the ground is covered with small apples, caused probably by late frosts, after trees bloomed, so the apple crop will be light. When we turn to the regular crops however the picture is much brighter. Gardens never looked finer, onions, lettuce, radishes, early turnips, beets, carrots and peas are now to be had from the gardens, while early cabbage soup beans and early potatoes will be ready for use in a week or two. Wheat and oats are fine and although corn was planted late owing to the wet spring delaying plowing, yet it looks fine. Most people about here have a fair stand though some complain of failure of seed to grow. A great many beans both soup and shell are being planted and if we have reasonable weather we will come nearest we ever have to feeding ourselves.

The Monongahela Powder Company are constructing a new packing house in which powder is screened and packed and a new wheel mill for mixing and grinding together the ingredients.

Miss Bertha Bowman has been sick for several days.

Miss Essie McElfresh, who has been suffering with typhoid is able to sit up.

Several children here are suffering with mumps.

Miss Bessie McElfresh, of Eldora, was visiting in Hout Sunday.

William Holbert, of Morgantown, was visiting relatives here the past few days.

Mrs. Vattie Hartley and four children, of Prickett creek, were guests of Mrs. Dora L. Hout Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson were visiting at Linsey Satterfield's near Smithtown Sunday.

Emery McElfresh spent Saturday and Sunday at Little Falls.

Robert and Leroy McElfresh and Omer Burnworth went down into Monongalia county Sunday in Roberts car.

Messrs. Theodore McElfresh, Charles Satterfield and Benjamin Wilson went to Riverdale to visit Mr. Melvin Freeman who is reported as very sick.

Rev. Mr. Liston, a blind minister, of Baxter and Mrs. Liston are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Barnes near here.

Jesse Bowman was visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowman at Plagah, Monongalia county, Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Satterfield and daughter, of Weston, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Satterfield.

Mrs. Kate Vance and two children and Miss Alma West of Hutchinson are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Holbert.

Mrs. Dora F. Hout has received a telegram from her son, Golden M. Hout, who went with the last contingent to Camp Lee but was rejected by medical examiner stating he will be home tomorrow.

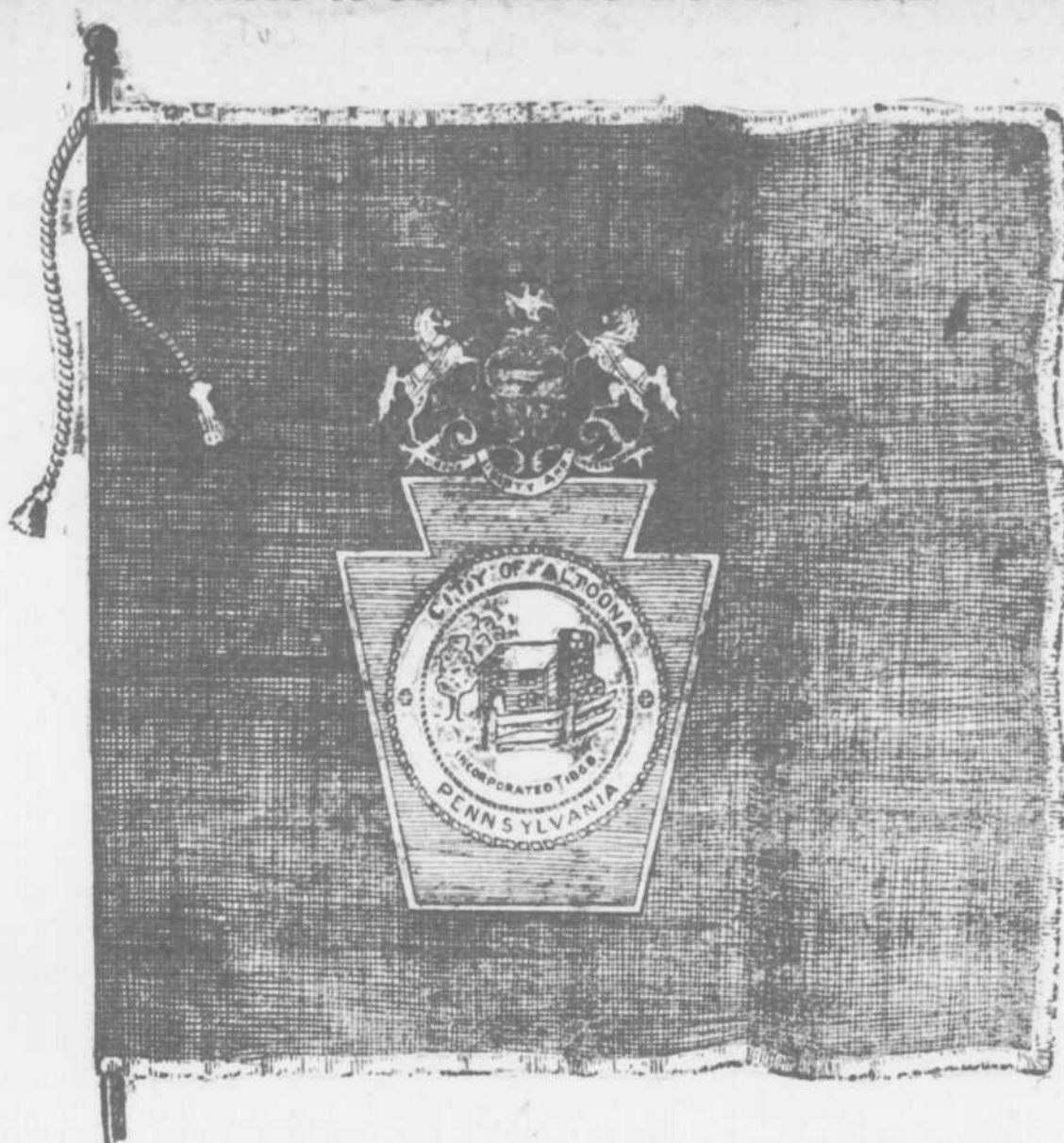
W. J. Bryan Has Enlisted in Marines

KANSAS CITY, June 19.—William Jennings Bryan has enlisted in the Marines!

No, this Mr. Bryan is not the famous Nebraskaan. While working on his farm near Waxahatchie, Texas, he suddenly decided to take an intensive course of training as a Hun fighter.

A few hours later he was on his way to the recruiting station here. Now Bryan, pronounced physically perfect by the examining physician, is at the Devil Dog recruit camp, Paris Island, I. C.

WHAT A CITY FLAG LOOKS LIKE

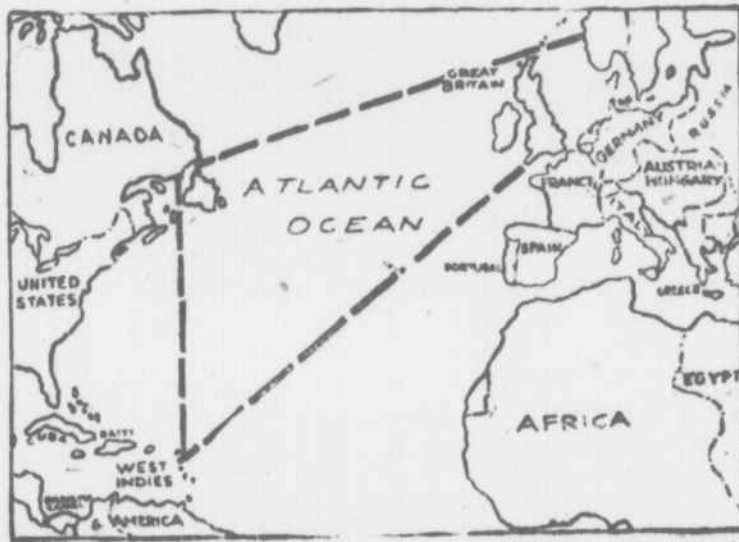


To show those who intend to take part in The West Virginian's Fairmont municipal flag contest what a typical city flag looks like this picture of the Altoona, Penna., flag is presented through the courtesy of The Tribune

of that city. The design, set in the center of the field, is superimposed upon a keystone, the Pennsylvania device. Most Pennsylvania cities have flags and that of Altoona is one of the prettiest of the lot. The West Virgin-

ian's flag design contest will close on the first of September. A prize of \$10 will be paid for the best design submitted and this will be increased to \$20 if the city authorities formally adopt the design selected by the judges of the contest.

U. S. Must Fight U-Boats in Europe, Says Secy. Roosevelt



It can be plainly seen from this map why America's big job in beating the U-boats lies on the European side—the narrow end of the triangle—rather than off the American coast, where our most extended line of patrol is.

By HARRY B. HUNT.
WASHINGTON, June 19.—Operations of German submarines along the American coast have brought no new problems to the United States navy, according to Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary to the navy.

Such attacks were foreseen when we entered the war, and the ways and means to combat them have been diligently developed.

Roosevelt has had a particularly intimate part in the work of developing our patrol forces and our destroyer and cruiser fleets. In an exclusive interview he sketches a picture of the U-boat situation that shows the invasion of American waters to be not an added danger to our shipments of men, munitions and supplies abroad, but rather a dispersion of U-boat activities to American coastwise shipping, in an effort to alarm our people and disorganize our overseas convoy and transport system.

He is confident it will have neither result, and that as a vital or decisive factor in determining America's participation in the war, U-boat activities in the western Atlantic will be negligible.

An Eternal Triangle.
"The U-boat problem," said Roosevelt, "is one of an eternal triangle." He picked up a pad and proceeded to illustrate.

"Here," he said, marking a spot, "are Germany's submarine bases. To reach the high seas, the submarines either have to go north, around Scotland, or south through the English channel."

"If you draw a line from the north of Scotland to the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, and from the southern end of the English Channel to the West Indies, and then connect up the West Indies, with the St. Lawrence real naval war zone."

Home Ports Protected.
"But the keeping of our best boats in European waters does not mean only second-rate boats are left for patrol work on this side. For this work, close to home ports, it is not so necessary that the boats be able to keep at sea for long periods."

"We have hundreds of small, fast boats fit for sea-going, but not for sea-keeping. With the development of the depth charge as a means of attack on U-boats, the efficiency of these small boats is practically on a par with that of larger vessels mounting heavy guns. They can keep the submarines under—and that is the main job. If they sight a periscope and get on top of him, they can put the German down as effectively as a destroyer. We have a large number of these boats, and other larger sea-keeping ones, ready for service at all

our defenses will be used to the utmost in whatever way seems best to meet the particular form of attack.

"Also whether submarines raids against our shipping in this side of the Atlantic are continuous or occasional, we mustn't forget that for four long years there has been a continual procession of U-boats along the shores of England, Ireland, France and Italy."

"We undoubtedly will have further sinkings. But every U-boat that comes to America relieves by so much the dangers to vessels in European waters, where the congestion of shipping is greatest."

Not a New U-Boat Zone.
"We should not look at the appearance of submarines in American waters as adding a new zone of operations. Our coast is just as much a part of the war zone as the Irish Sea or the English Channel. Germany has simply transferred its operations from one part of the war zone to another."

"Meantime, the intensive work our patrol crews on this side are doing is fitting them better each day for their work, either here or abroad. The men in our coastal stations are getting splendid practice. We're confident they'll soon be getting some of the visiting U-boats."

Roosevelt typifies the vigor of the service Uncle Sam is depending on to clear our coasts of the Kaiser's submarines. To his energy and enthusiasm is due much of the spirit driving our men in the patrol work. Tall, athletic, bubbling over with energy, he tackles every problem that comes to him as though its solving was a game.

His clear blue-gray eyes fairly dance and sparkle as he talks, and his smile reveals a double row of strong white teeth reminiscent of another Roosevelt who held the same office at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Unlike his cousin T. R., Franklin D. is a Democrat. But in respect to punch and pep, he maintains the to punch and pep, he maintains the best traditions of the name.

LETTER LIST

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Fairmont, West Virginia, Post Office for the week ending June 15, 1918.

Arbokast Archie	Allen
Allison Tillie	Lavell Mrs M E
Ashby Clarence	Martin Miss Gladys
Blackwood Frank	Moell Edit
Baker J B	Mason Mrs Edith
Blow Mamie	Montgomery Mrs
Buchanan Mrs O L	Ethel
Boyles A R	Maxwell Jessie
Crane Mrs EM	Murphy C E
Courtney Adrian	Markwall M K
Carter D W	Malcolm Leonard
Cummins Frank	Method Miss Magie
Cook O	Maguire James
Coffey S S	Nismonger Mrs Mary
Century Coal Co.	Norris Mrs Carrie
Coonse Dave	Neutzing W O
Dillon Helen	Nelson N H
Davis Mrs Lee	Newcomer Harry
Evans Susie R	Pasqua Lakinta
Forney Jamie	Piney Bertha
Fleider Irene	Pethal Leroy
Gallaspie Owen	Ratcliff Everett
Gargans Mrs John B	Robinson Harmon
Garlington J W	Ross Henry O
Glover Verna	Rohr Grover J
Gallion Vadie	Steele Mrs Jas
Gaskins C L	Stewart Mrs Jas
Hendine W T	Scott
Hutington Mrs Jane	Smith E C
Hollandsworth	Stump T M
Mrs G M	Smith Leafy
Hampton Miss Emma	Streets Walter
High N D	Tucker Bryson
Hornord Mary J	Thrall Mrs M L
Hudson Fannie Lee	Victor Mrs Mary
Jackson Mrs Ellen	Vincent Mrs Bert
Kerns Mrs Fred	Wright Lillie
Kirkland Mrs John L	Williams Miss Mary
	Woodside Miss Hattie



RIDING THE REAPER.

O, the clatter and clang of the reaper and binder, As over the nation it sings its reminder That nature is blessing us county by county, From border to border bestowing her bounty.

The harvest's beginning; The war is a-winning And Germany yet shall be paid for her sinning.

From the sun-swept southwest to the waters of Maine There are smiles in the miles of the golden-crowned grain, And the song of the reaper, as nearer it comes, Meets the beat of the heart like the chuckle of drums.

O, its music is sweet In its rattle and beep, And the birds in the branches are lifting "T'wheat! T'wheat!"

There's another vast harvest, where Death rides the reaper And under the knives life is cheaper and cheaper, But when the grim work of that Reaper is done And his Binder has fettered the hordes of the Hun,

Then again peace shall sweeten Our bread as it's eaten, Symbolized by a purity whittened and wheaten.

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Leonard John
Watkins & Clayton
Yager Albert.

In calling for the above letters please state that they were advertised in the papers and give the date of the list.

Unknown persons broke into the conservatory of music at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, one night recently, took nearly 100 German song books that were being used by members of the German Methodist Episcopal church, which held its meetings there, carried them to the athletic field and burned them. German Bibles were carried out, but not burned.

Official reports made by some national banks in the Northwest to the

ANEMIA AND POOR BLOOD

How Mrs. Burnell's Daughter Recovered.

Drewsville, N. H. — "My daughter was anemic, had poor blood and suffered from indigestion and bilious attacks. As Vinol had built up my son some time ago, I gave it to my daughter,—she soon improved in health, and it has built her up and restored her health."—Mrs. N. Burnell.

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IT TAKES COURAGE TO BE A SOLDIER.



It takes iron nerves, men with red blood and the brawn to do, the nerve to "back-up", to climb mountains, and "go over-the-top," or with stamina enough to meet the night attack. Energy is the most valuable thing in the world. You need energy every day, every minute of the day. It is the same behind the lines, in the work shop and on the farm. What is most needed is iron in the blood. Every man should have as much iron in his body as is contained in an ordinary "tenpenny" nail. If your blood is thin, watery, your face pale and anemic, or pimply, you feel depressed, blue, without energy to complete your daily tasks. It's time to heed the warning. Put fresh, clean blood in your veins, take "Irontic" tablets, a new combination of soluble iron and herbal extracts discovered by Dr. Pierce and his

Physicians of the Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y. It gives one snap, pep, vim and vigor to have this iron in the blood. "Irontic" is a blood maker, a strength builder and a nerve tonic. You can obtain "Irontic" at most drug stores for 60c the vial, or you can obtain a test package by sending 10c to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo.